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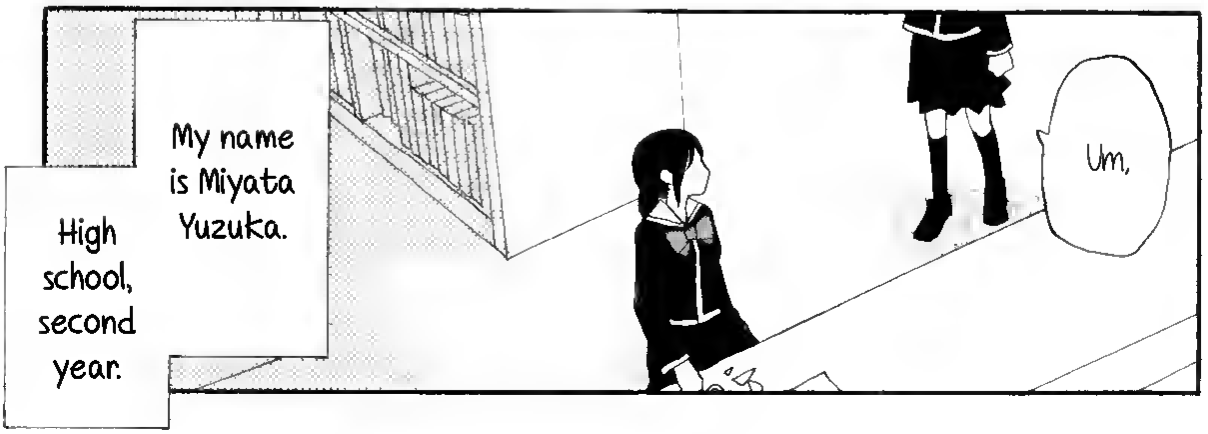

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Takaoka Nazuna-san.
Hmm? What is it?
Taka-oka!
Hey, you listen-ing?
2-A
A cheerful, pretty, and very sociable person.
We're in the same class, but other than that...
Ehhh?
Let's go some-where after school! Oh yeah, speaking of that...

We haven't got a thing in common.
Hello
Welcome back
Oh!
PIP-TIMP
It makes no sense at all.
Or should I say,
we run in totally different circles...
yay
yay
CENTER OF ATTENTION
~Fabulous~
Me
Plain Jane

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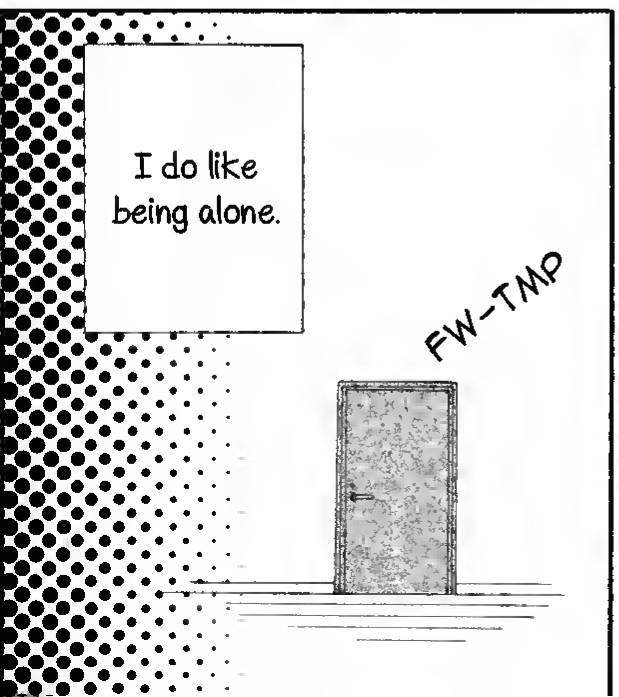
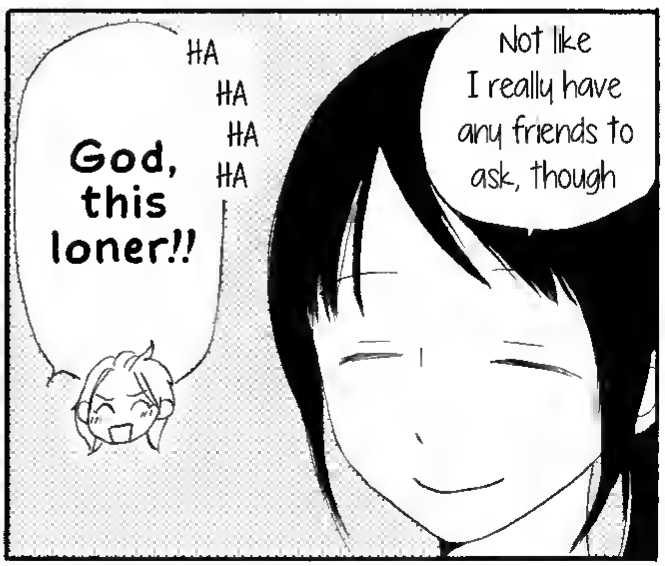
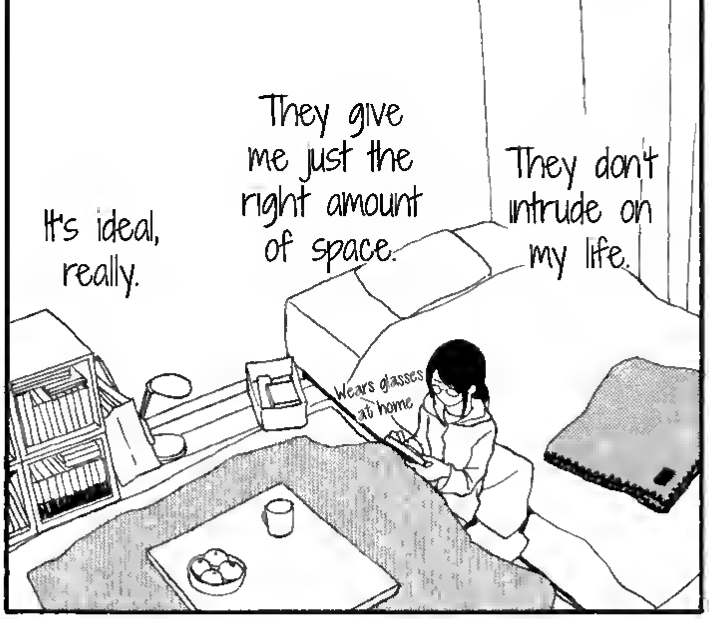
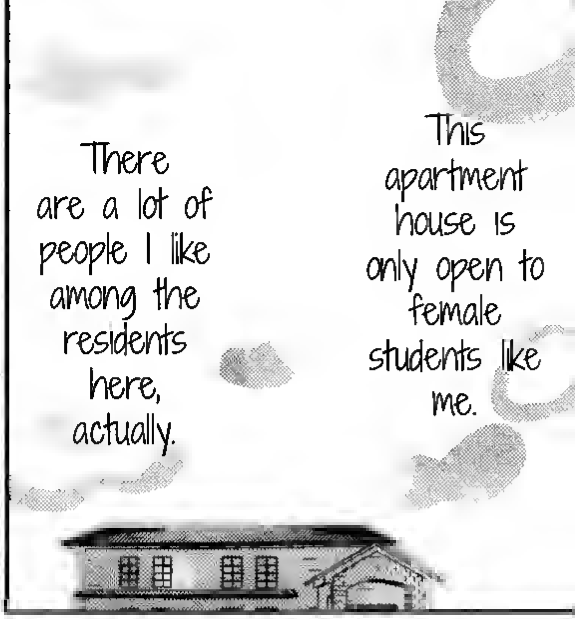
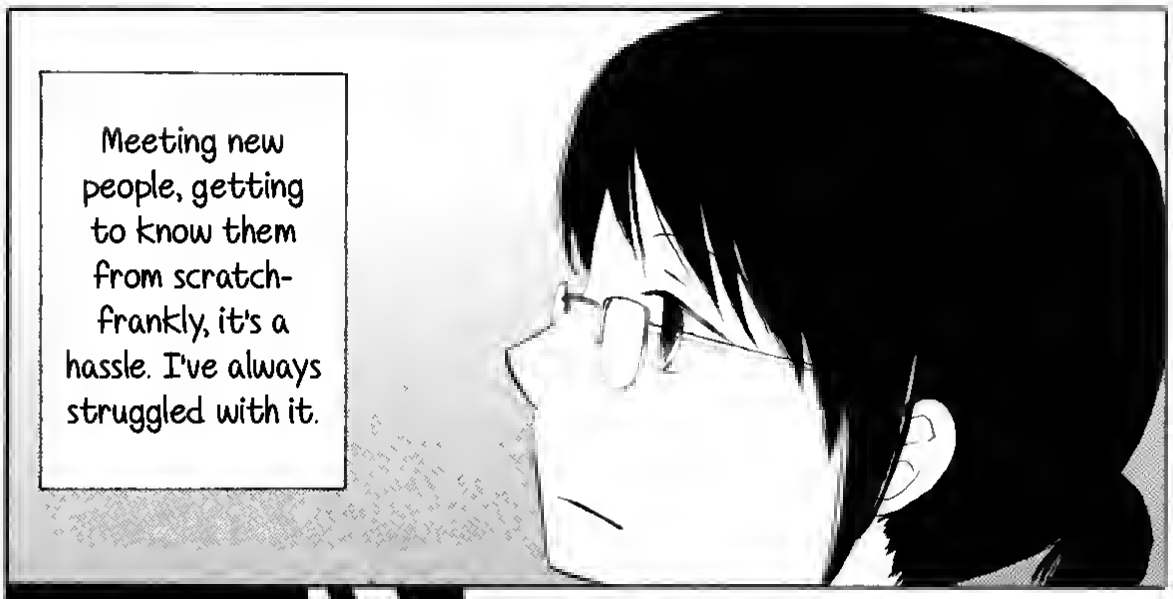
Yay!
She made a whole bunch yesterday
Well, I'll at least score some pound cake for you
Sorry, there's a video game that requires my immediate attention
Mmm,
I'm headed over to Saki's place, want to come along?
We're having it in a pretty big room, so feel free to get some friends to help you out
Yep!
have you been getting ready for the Christmas party?
Ah right,
Concerning the Christmas Party:
Please sign up for whatever you want to be in charge of
Decorating the tree, bringing food } Everybody!
Cake –
Playing Santa –
Decorating The Room – Niyata
DGM & DVD –
Cleaning Up –


I do like being alone.
FW-TMP


HA HA HA HA
God, this loner!!
Not like I really have any friends to ask, though


It's ideal, really.
They give me just the right amount of space.
They don't intrude on my life.
Wears glasses at home


This apartment house is only open to female students like me.
There are a lot of people I like among the residents here, actually.


Meeting new people, getting to know them from scratch-frankly, it's a hassle. I've always struggled with it.

Well, but then it's not like we ever really spoke to each other in the first place.

Of course it can't be avoided sometimes—a new school, a new grade—but other than that...
What am I supposed to do about that thing today?
Give some reply? I don't know
Man, it's going to be awkward starting tomorrow

tff tff tff tff
Ah! Good morning, Miyata-san!
Good morning
C... called right out to me like it was nothing!
Morning Takaoka!
Sorry, gotta run, class rep duties
Good morning, Miyata-san!

—That sort of thing!?
Can I just leave it at that? Would that be OK!?
Yes, that would be more natural, right?
Except, why would anyone love me, even as a friend?
"It seems that I love you (as a friend)"
—Ah.

What's that you're doing, there?
LIBRARY
LUNCH PERIOD

Cut-ting out paper?
You were doing the same thing yesterday, right? It made me curious
It's her.
Wow! Really cute!
I thought I might sort of, you know, hang these around, stick 'em to the walls
I'm in charge of decora-tions
My apart-ment house is having a Christmas party
No way
You must all stay up late to-gether, talking through the night, right?
Sounds like so much fun I'm jealous
Your apartment house—that's the one where Yayoi-chan from Class B lives too, right?

Please remain quiet in the library

I definitely would!!
EH?
You don't!?
TAP TAP

.....
Now, if this

That's certainly true.
I'm so sorry This is all my fault

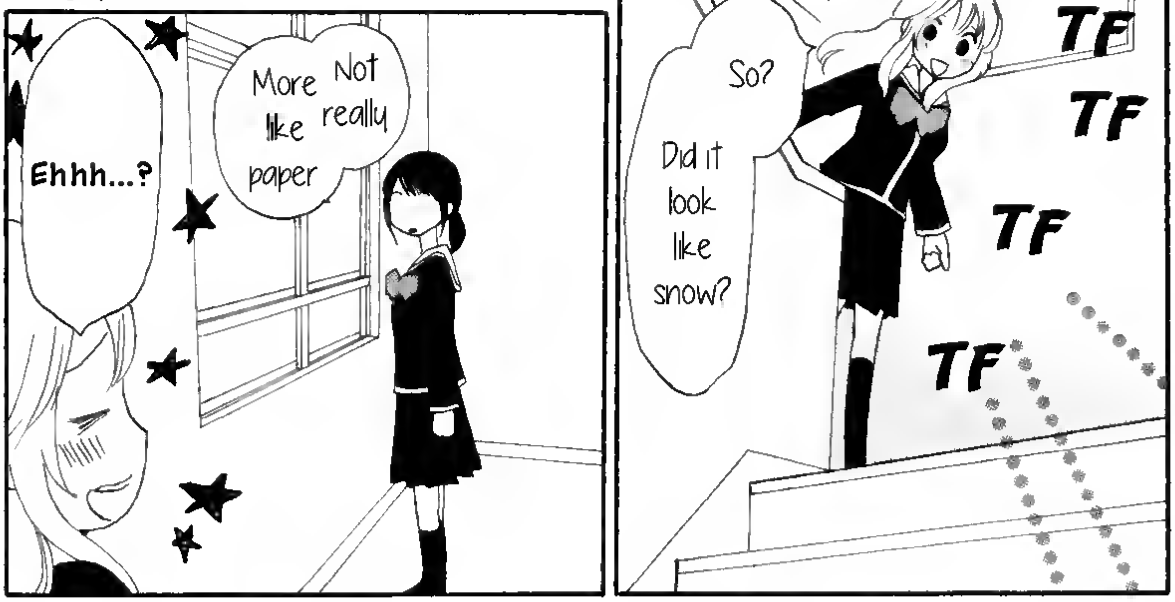
about stuff like this is precisely what I hate
...Having to fret
What a hassle
Hmmmm, can I say it?
Should I not say it?
But with this girl... I'm afraid of wounding her.
Knowing what to say, what not to say... It's hard.
—I could give it to her straight and simple, like that.
Sorry!
That's certainly true! You're really being a nuisance.
were somebody like Yayoi here,
HA HA HA HA
Hey, can I try to make a few too?
SWOOSH
I'm fairly well equipped
You carry scissors?
Here
Yayoi
I've got 'em
Mini-sized ones
but you need scissors-
Um, Ok,
Cripes, she's cute

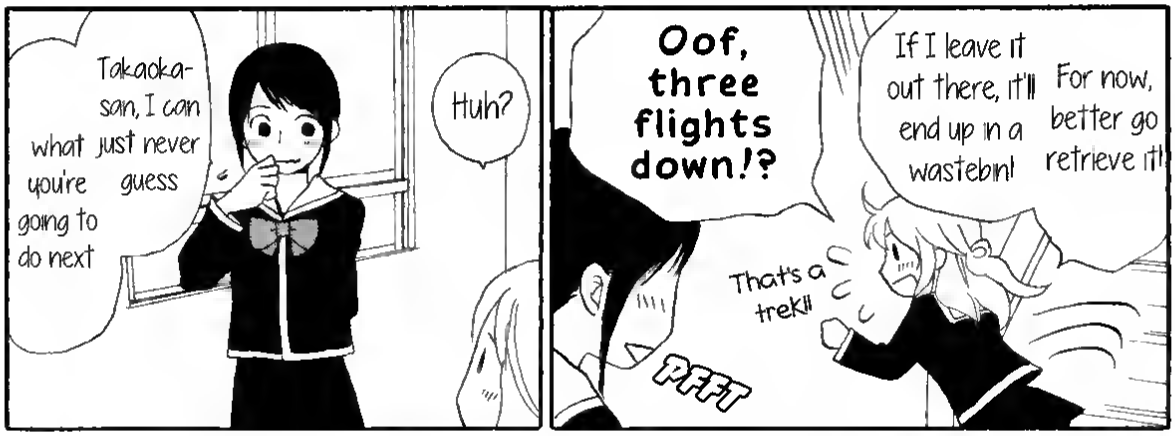
Miyata-san, you like this sort of thing, don't you?
Huh?
Detailed work. Like how,
leading up to the cultural festival, the whole time, you were silently absorbed in making those ribbons
I Ahh guess, yeah

This is fun
Snip
Snip
Snip
Snip
Snip

I really like it too!
Say!

What?
SWING
Watch out-side!
TF
TF
TF
TF
The window!
What?
It might be pretty to try floating this down
Here it comes!


Ehhh...?
More like paper
Not really
So?
Did it look like snow?
TF
TF
TF
TF


Takaoka-san, I can never just guess what you're going to do next
Huh?
Oof, three flights down!?
If I leave it out there, it'll end up in a wastebin!
For now, better go retrieve it!
That's a trek!!
PFFT

I can't anticipate my own actions Before I have time to consider something, I find that I've already done it
I take myself by surprise!
Ahh, neither can I!
What?

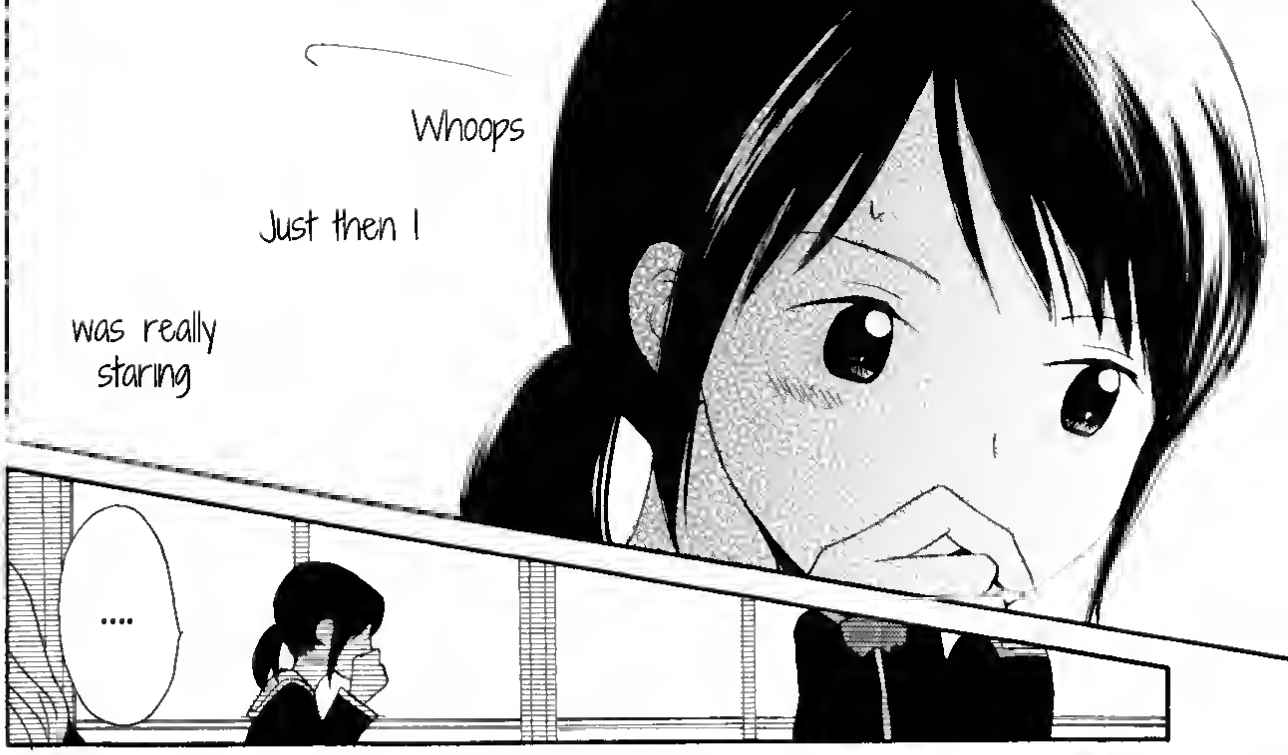
DING DONG
Guahh! The warning bell!
I'd better hurry!
Miyata-san, go on ahead to the classroom!
Where'd it land...
She's an odd one.

I don't at all dislike her.

But

As for something like "love"

I couldn't tell you the first thing about that.


Whoops
Just then I
was really staring
....

WAVE
WAVE
Sh-
She noticed all right.

STARE

Has she actually been watching me all this time?
the whole time, you were silently absorbed in making those ribbons
I might have just not realized it before, but...
—Wait.

Frankly, that makes me...

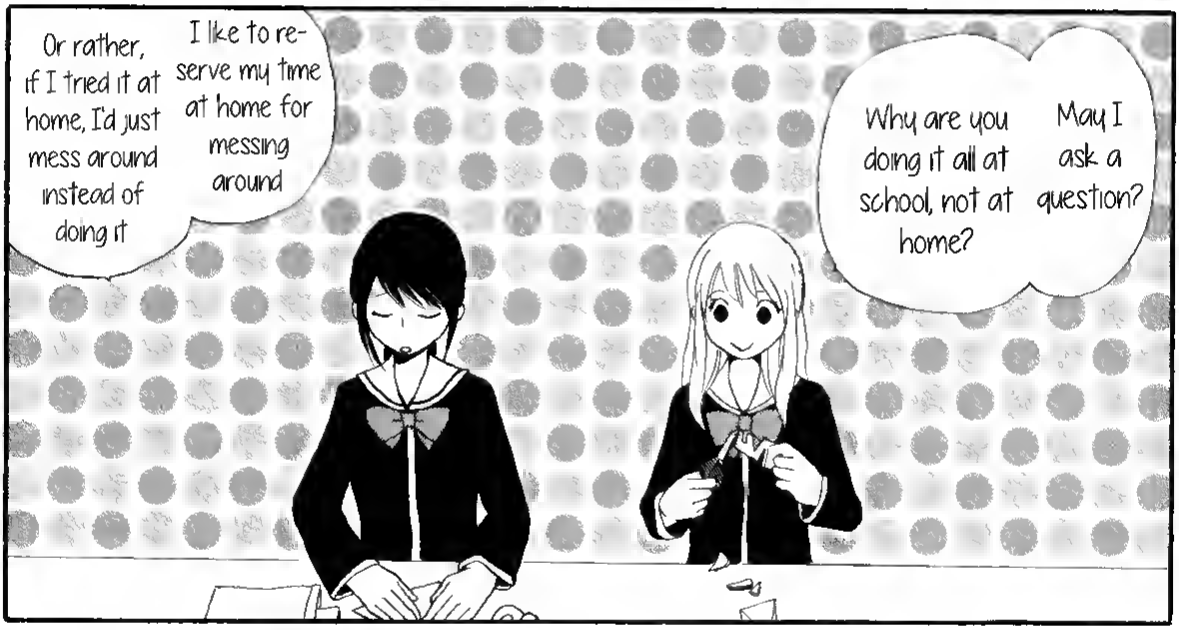
Admiring me in secret.

without my knowledge.

constantly staring at me

A stranger

I'm almost finished, so I figured I'd try to get it done today
Ooh
LIBRARY
Still at it, even after school's over?


Or rather, if I tried it at home, I'd just mess around instead of doing it
I like to reserve my time at home for messing around
Why are you doing it all at school, not at home?
May I ask a question?

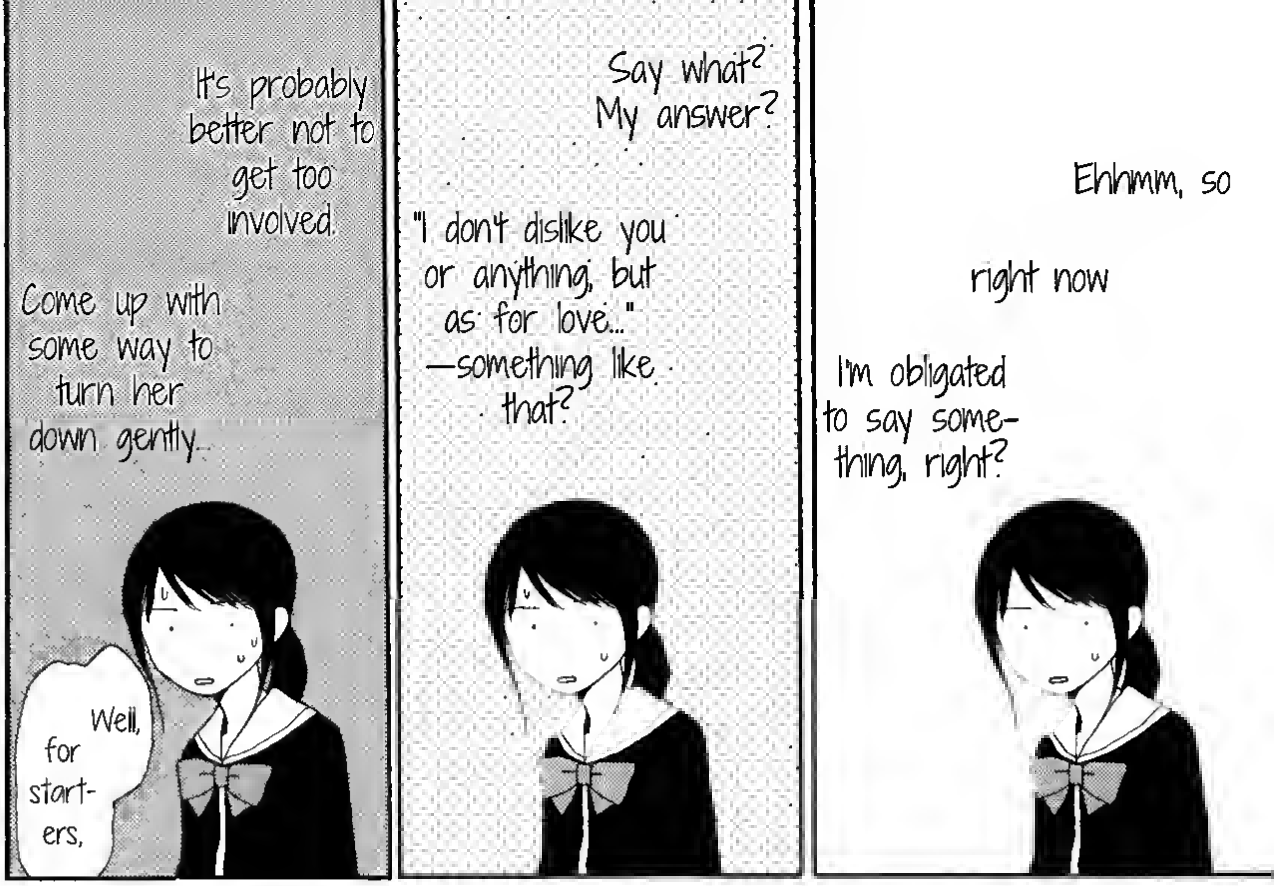
May I ask a question as well?

I see!

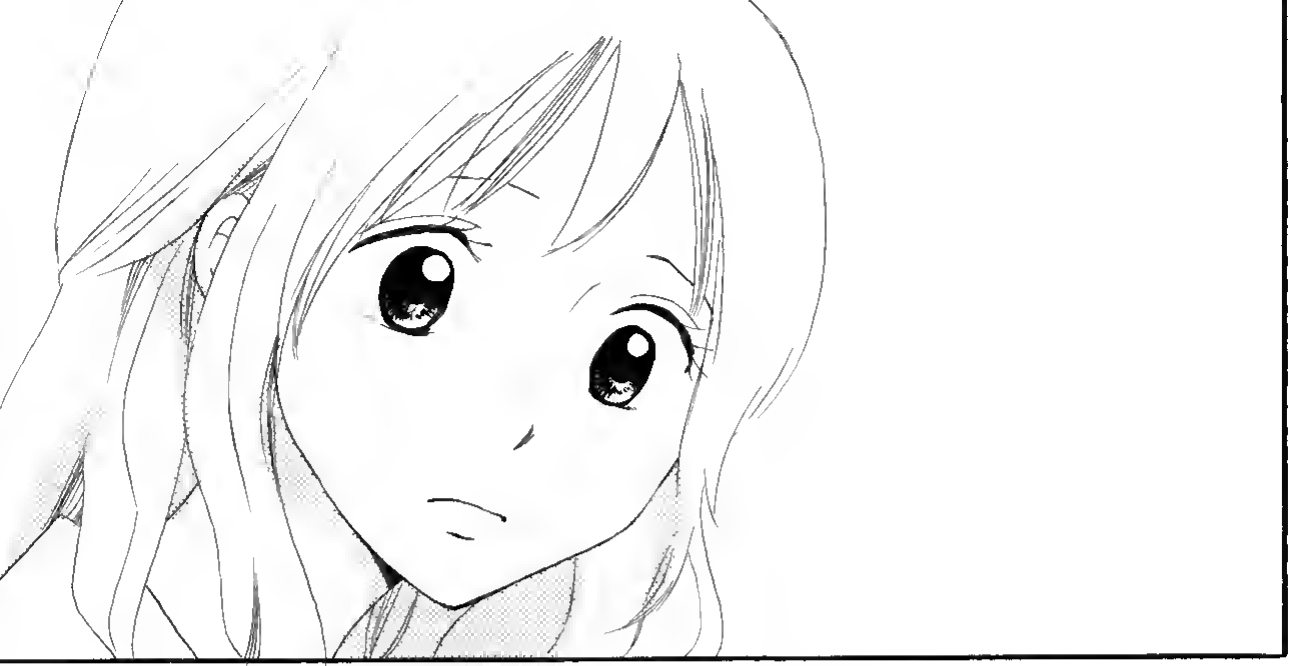
How did you come to, well.
towards me.
Umm.
BLUSH
Ah
She's totally flustered.
She's blushing like crazy.
And so you see, Miyata-san,
I've always thought to myself, your behavior, it's exactly my favorite type
Well, well you see, I kind of like to watch people
I particularly, um, people who are sort of carefree or dreamy, I like observing them
Ah...

"Gee, I wonder what she's doing?" It really piqued my curiosity
And then yesterday when I saw you here, you looked like you were really putting your all into something
And so, that's why, I was always looking for some opportunity to talk to you
I have no idea what she's trying to say
My behavior?
Agh, geez, it's just my favorite type, Ok? I can't point to this or that about it, it's just my favorite!

And then. I went and said a thing like that to you


It's probably better not to get too involved.
Come up with some way to turn her down gently.
Well, for start-ers,
Say what? My answer?
"I don't dislike you or anything, but as for love..."
—something like that?
Ehhmm, so
right now
I'm obligated to say some-thing, right?

being stared at all the time.
I don't like it.



I see
Well, naturally you wouldn't

I'm sorry
CLATTER

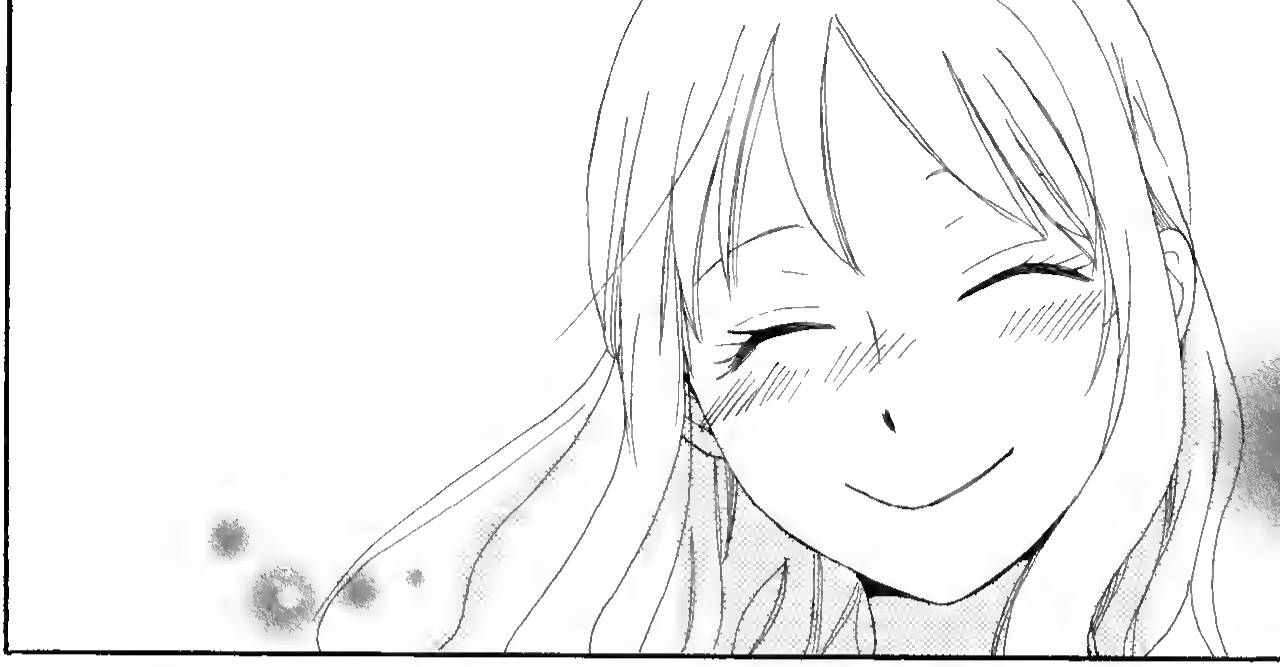
Now what do I do?
Ahhh, man.
What's with
this awful sense of regret?
CLATTER
Ugh

This is really and truly
a hassle.
I'd better catch her.
And say what?
I don't know
But
Ta-
Takaoka-san!
I have to find
some way to get
my feelings across...

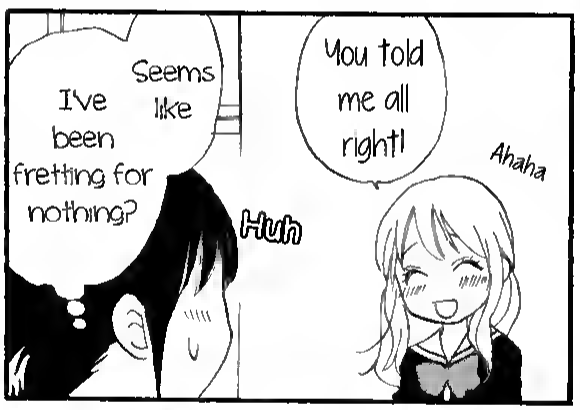
But being with you Takaoka-san it's honestly very fun
I'm really bad with things like making new friends

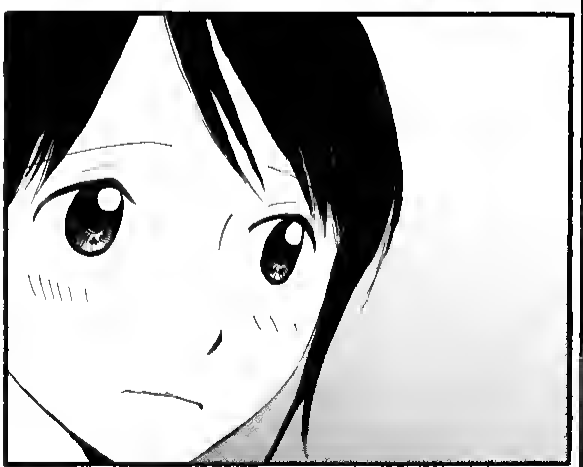
and, this is what I ended up with
I tried to think of some way to communicate that

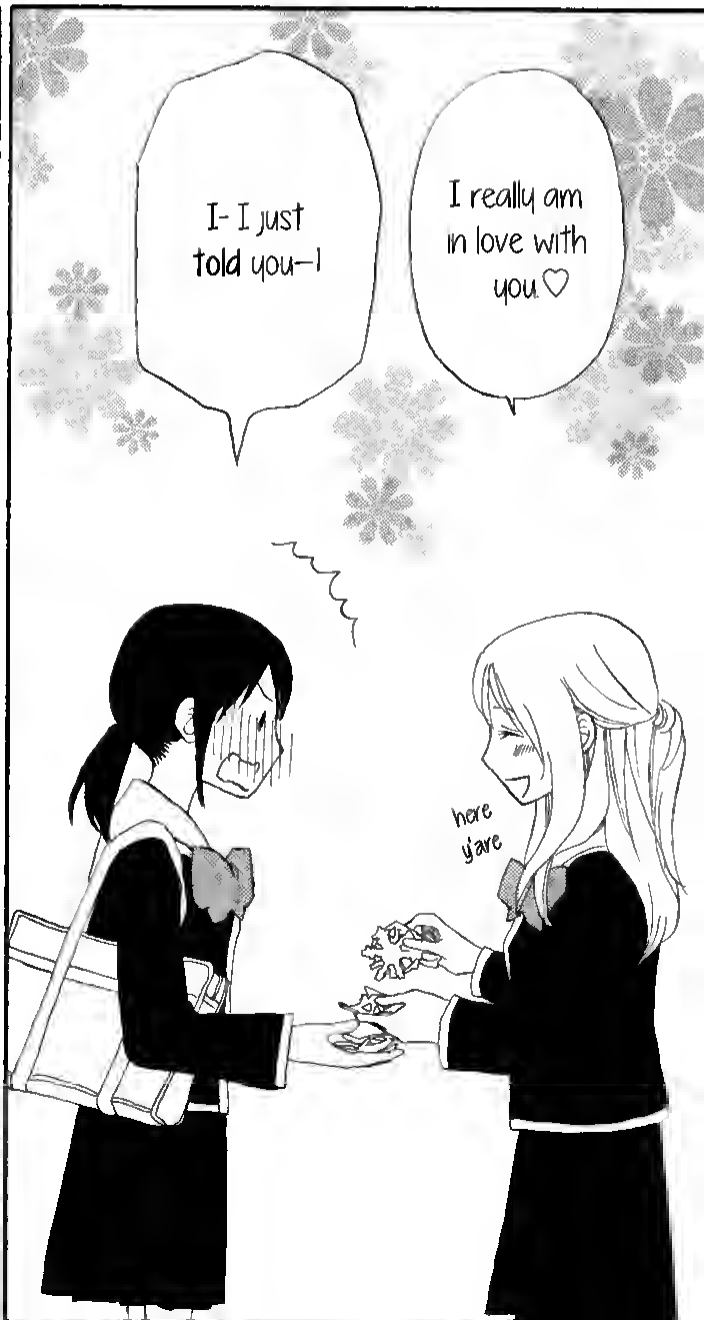
Ah, but!
I'm still not talking about love or anything like that, OK?



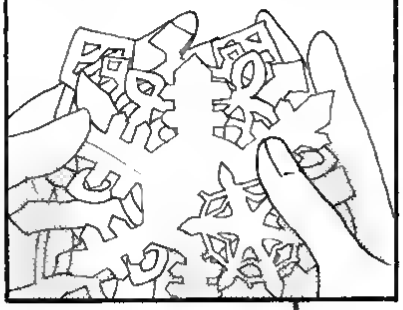
Oops.
Ahh
Was that a little harsh?


Seems like I've been fretting for nothing?
Huh
You told me all right!
Ahaha




I- I just told you—I
I really am in love with you♡
here y'are

Building a relationship from scratch is a real hassle.



But there are fun parts to it too.

Maybe.

Nope, it's not!

It's not just a bunch of trash?

These were really really pretty.

Guess all that fretting really was for nothing.

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For the time being.

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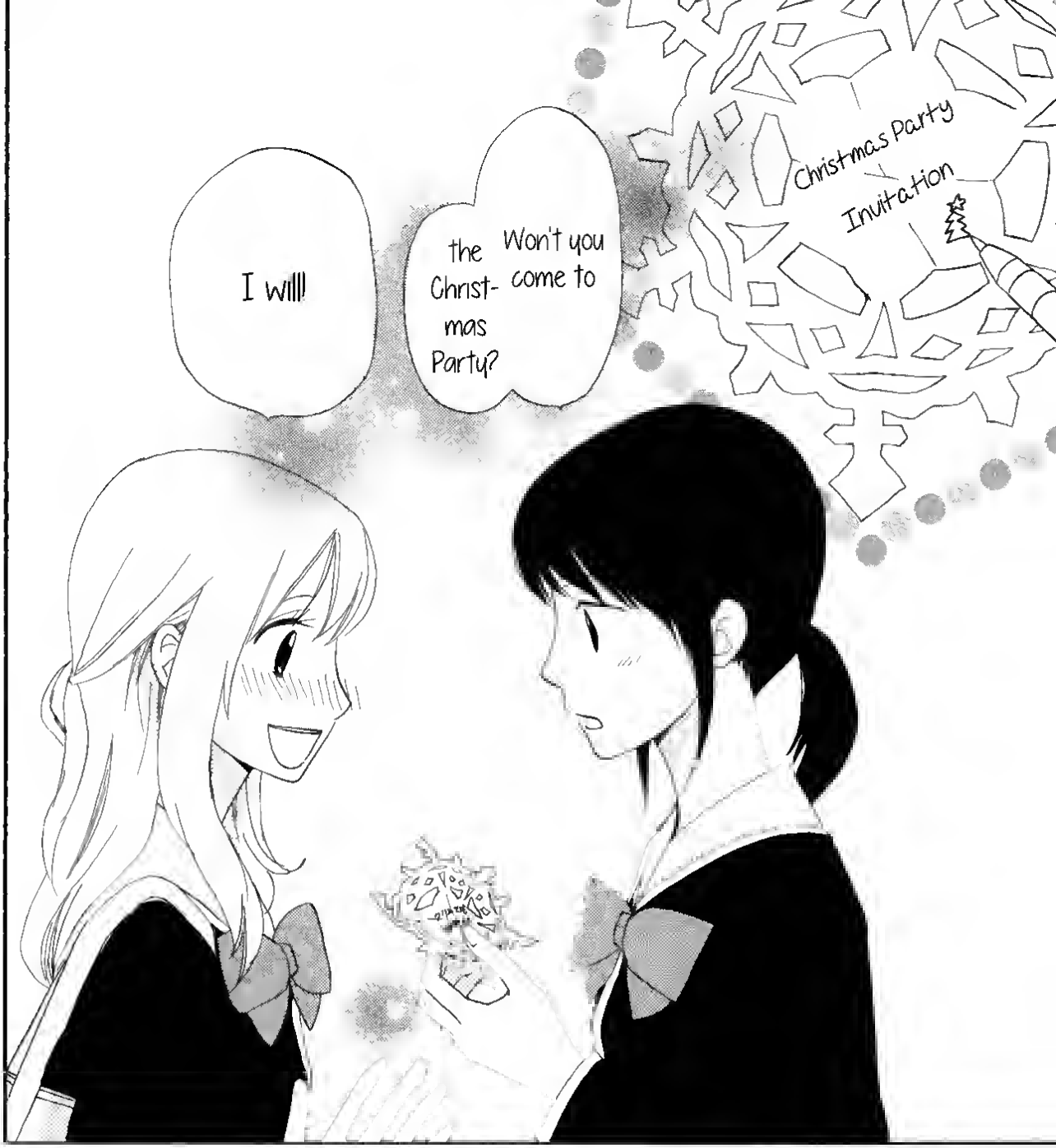
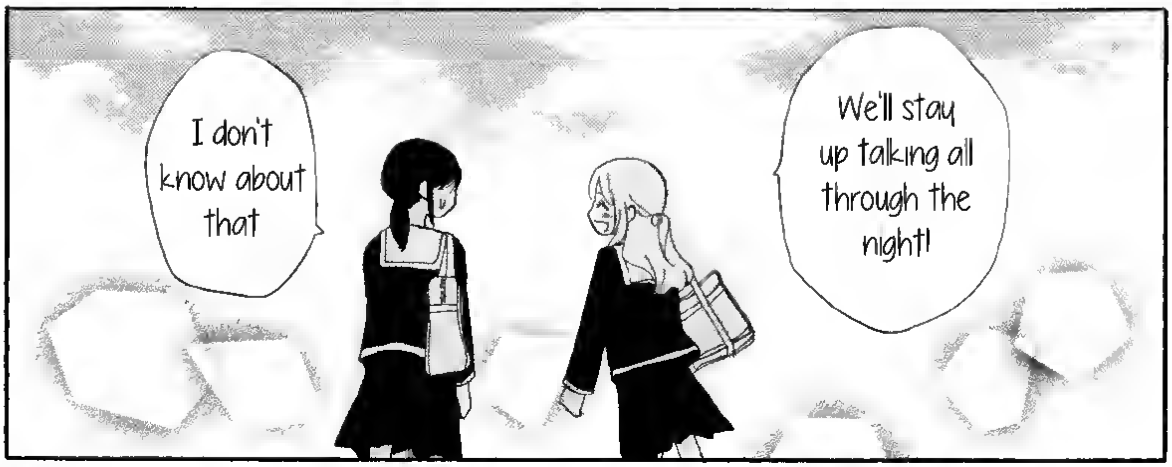

Christmas Party Invitation
Won't you come to the Christ-mas Party?
I will!


I don't know about that
We'll stay up talking all through the night!

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